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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS I USED IN MAKING PRESENTATION REPORTED REFTEL:
- 2. "MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWING WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO FIND SOME SOLUTION TO OUR CONTINUING FISHERIES DISPUTE.

"AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW, MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO PROPOSE THAT A TEAM OF HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS COME TO QUITO TO HOLD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE TEAM WOULD BE COMPOSED OF AMBASSADOR WILLIAM G. BOWDLER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFIARS; AMBASSADOR JOHN NORTON MOORE, THE PRESI-DENT'S DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE; AND MR. THOMAS A. CLINGAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE BUREAU OF OCEANS, AND INTER-NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. "IF YOUR GOVERNMENT AGREES, THE TEAM IS PREPARED TO BE IN QUITO FOR INFORMAL TALKS STARTING EARLY NEXT WEEK. "AS REGARDS AN AGENDA, WE DO NOT WISH TO PROPOSE ANY RIGID PROGRAM, SINCE THE BASEC PURPOSE WE ENVISAGE FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS IN EXPLORATORY. IN GENERAL, WE WOULD EXPECT TO EXPLORE OUR DIFFERENT LOS JURIDICAL AND FISHERIES POSI-CONFIDENTIAL

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TIONS IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE INTERIM AND

LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT PROBLEMS. EACH SIDE WOULS BE FREE TO RAISE WHATEVER SUBJECTS IT WISHES.

"I WOULD HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER TO BRING THIS DELEGATION TO QUITO IS POSITIVE AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF YOUR DECISION AND THE ACCEPTABILITY OF EARLY WEEK FOR OPENING THESE EXPLORATORY TALKS."

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